

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



# ICARE GANG-free PLEDGE



I, \_\_\_\_\_ **pledge** to not use bad language, and respect myself, my body, my friends, my teachers, my family, and people who are different from me. I pledge not to smoke cigarettes, use drugs, and drink alcohol.

**I pledge** not to lie, cheat, steal, join gangs, and get into fights.

**I promise** to talk to my parents before I decide to get a tattoo, shave my head, change my hair, join a club, or group. I will **not** hang around gangs, attend gang parties, talk to gang members, or act like a gang member. I will not throw up hand signs, or use gang slang that could put me in danger. I will avoid gang colors and dress.

**I will** not tag or have anything to do with graffiti anywhere - in my personal stuff, at home, school, or in my community. I know graffiti and tagging is disrespectful to my community and illegal.

**I will** ask before I use a computer, video games, cell phone or TV. I won't do bad things with technology like bully other kids. I will stay away from gang websites, and I won't ask gang members to be my friends on networking websites like "Facebook" or "MySpace." I will listen carefully to music lyrics, and avoid songs or videos that hype up gang life, "gangstas," celebrate violence, or disrespect others.

**I will** choose friends who make good choices. I will let my parent(s) know who all my friends are and where they live. I will ask advice if my friends ask me to do something I am uncomfortable with or that I think is wrong. I will tell my parent(s) if I get asked to join a gang.

**I will** do my best to fix any problems that I have and I will ask my parents, teachers, police officers, or other adults for help.

**I will** remember the 5 "ICARE" values of:

**INTEGRITY \* COURAGE \* ACCOUNTABILITY \* RESPECT \* EXCELLENCE**

as a guide to live a graffiti, gang and violence-free life in order to become my best self.

**I will** choose family, school, and community over gangs.

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN

**I (we)** pledge to help you and your school, your activities and your choices as you grow up.

**I (we)** will talk with you and will not turn you away or make fun of you when you ask for help.

**I (we)** promise to be in your business at all times, and to care about where you go and whom you hang out with.

**I (we)** will do my best to provide you with a safe and happy home, even when times are hard.

**I will** do everything I can to keep you safe from gangs and gang activity.

**I (we)** will try to be a good example for you, and point out when you make good choices.

**I (we)** promise to **love** you no matter what.

Parent/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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